

**Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association**  
**Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**March 27, 2004**  
**La Junta, Colorado**

The 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the Otero Junior College Student Center, La Junta, Colorado with President, Karren "Sparky" Turner presiding.

Following the invocation led by Tim Erickson, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. The welcome was given by Karren "Sparky" Turner.

Jim Rogers made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion passed. Jim Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting as written. Martin Canterbury seconded the motion. Motion passed.

As there was no old business to act on, Tom Robb gave the Audit Committee Report and presented the 2004 Budget. Garry Clark moved to accept the Audit Report and 2004 Budget with correction to the Banking Summary Checking Account Balance 2-1-04 to read \$1,256.38 making the Total Cash Position \$16,060.96. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust report given.

Chairman, Karren "Sparky" Turner appointed a credentials committee of Jim Rogers, Alta Mae Brown, and Martin Canterbury. The following were appointed as parliamentarians: Garry Clark, James "Red" Heath, and Bill Carwin.

Homer Mundell moved to limit debate to five minutes per issue. Wayne Rusher seconded the motion. Motion failed.

The next item of business was the Nominating Committee Report. Kerry Hartshorn moved to suspend the nominating committee report and go directly to nominations from the floor. Del Chase seconded the motion. Discussion. John Smartt called for the previous question. Seconded by Jim Schleining. Call for the previous question passed. A vote was taken on motion to suspend nominating report. Motion passed. Homer Mundell moved to accept the Nominating Committee Report and read the nominees. Martin Canterbury moved to elect the officers individually. Susie Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tim Erickson was nominated for President. From the floor, Jo Ann McEndree was nominated. Hans Hasser moved that nominations cease. Leonard Pruett seconded the motion. Motion passed. A vote by ballot was taken. A tie vote was broken by President, Karren "Sparky" Turner. Tim Erickson was elected President.

Colorado Brand Commissioner, Gary Shoun, gave a report on behalf of the Colorado Brand Board.

Homer Mundell was nominated for First Vice President. Jo Ann McEndree was nominated from the floor. Martin Canterbury moved nominations cease. Hans Hasser seconded the motion. Motion passed. A vote by ballot was taken. Homer Mundell was elected First Vice President.

Randy McEndree gave a report on behalf of the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen.

Roger Evans, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Association addressed the meeting group.

Mike Dutton was nominated for Second Vice President. From the floor, Jim Rogers was nominated. Hans Hasser moved that nominations cease. John Smartt seconded the motion. Motion passed. A vote by ballot was taken. Mike Dutton was elected Second Vice President.

Terry Fankhauser, Executive Director of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association gave a report.

Lori Chase was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Hans Hasser moved that nominations cease. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tom Hagans moved to accept this nomination by acclamation. Hans Hasser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The following were nominated for Baca County Directors: Reggy Lusk, Jo Ann McEndree, John George, Adin Mizer, and Steve McEndree. Tom moved that nominations cease. Bill Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed. A vote by ballot was taken. Reggy Lusk, Jo Ann McEndree, John George, and Adin Mizer were elected Baca County Directors for the coming year.

The following were nominated for Bent County Directors: Alta Mae Brown, Bill Carwin, Tom Robb, Tom Wallace, and Pat Karney. It was moved and seconded to cease nominations. Motion passed. A vote by ballot was taken. Alta Mae Brown, Bill Carwin, Tom Robb, and Tom Wallace were elected.

The following were nominated for Kiowa County Directors: Dale Butler, Brad Larrew, Jim Rogers, Bruce Fickenscher, and George Ellicott. A motion was made by Leonard Pruett to elect Dale Butler, Jim Rogers, Bruce Fickenscher and George Ellicott as the slate of directors. Lew Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The following were nominated for Otero County Directors: Mark Grasmick, Bill Gray, David Mendenhall, Martin Canterbury, Garry Clark, Gary Wallace, and Roy Armstrong. Hans Hasser moved to cease nominations. John Smartt seconded the motion. Motion passed. After casting of ballots, Martin Canterbury, Roy Armstrong, Bill Gray, and David Mendenhall were elected.

The following were nominated for Prowers County Directors: Jerome Seufer, Benny Kennedy, James "Red" Heath, Marilyn Pettinger, Milton Rink, Tim Fort, and Doug Hasser. Hans Hasser moved to cease nominations. Jo Ann McEndree seconded the motion. Motion passed. After casting of ballots, Jerome Seufer, James "Red" Heath, Milton Rink, and Doug Hasser were elected.

Jo Ann McEndree presented the resolutions for the Resolutions Committee as follows:

**Resolution #1:** CCA and NCBA Affiliation. Garry Clark moved to set this resolution aside for later discussion. Bill Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Resolution #2:** Brand Used for National ID. Bill Gray moved to set this resolution aside for later discussion. Hans Hasser seconded the motion. Motion failed. Discussion. Susie Rogers moved to accept this resolution with correction of spelling of the word past to passed in the second paragraph

and replacing the word "we" with the words "Bent-Prowers" in the last paragraph. Homer Mundell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Resolution #3:** Permanent ID on Foreign Cattle. Susie Rogers moved to accept this resolution. Tim Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Resolution #4:** U.S. Cattle Industry. Lew Mathews moved to accept this resolution. Dale Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Resolution #5:** Jo Ann read the resolution and members stood to take a moment to memorialize their deceased members. Hans Hasser moved to accept this resolution. James "Red" Heath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Set asides:

**CCA and NCBA Affiliation** – Bill Gray moved to accept this resolution. Wade Zimmerman seconded the motion. Discussion. Kerry Hartshorn called for the previous question. Hans Hasser seconded the call. Call for the previous question passed. Susie Rogers moved to cast the votes by ballot. Motion was seconded. Motion failed. A vote was taken on the motion to accept this resolution. The credentials committee counted the votes by a show of hands. Due to confusion, a ballot vote was taken. Motion to accept this resolution failed. 34 in favor, 37 not in favor

Colorado Cattlewomen's Association President, Jo Stanko, and National Cattlewomen's Association President, Susie Magnuson each gave reports.

State Representative, Brad Young, addressed the meeting group.

With no new business, Bill Gray moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Chase  
Secretary

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**Whereas:** A National Cattle Identification System is being sought for the purpose of identification of ownership, and in the event of disease for traceability within forty eight (48) hours.

**Whereas:** Colorado for over one hundred (100) years has had a voluntary ownership system of identification in the registered brand. The brand has been ~~passed~~ passed down from family member to family member; from ranch to ranch, and being strong in heritage has been used to trace cattle in sales, movements, and ownership when stolen.

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**Therefore be it resolved:** We support the use of the registered brand as a voluntary means in a National Identification System for the purpose of ownership and traceability.

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WHERE AS: The United States is aggressively pursuing "free trade agreements" with other Nations, not only in the Western Hemisphere, but other Continents as well and,

WHERE AS: There is currently no means of identifying foreign live cattle once they have entered into the United States and,

WHERE AS: Importation of live animals from foreign countries will place the United States live cattle industry in danger of being introduced to foreign diseases not now known, or prevalent in the United States and

WHEREAS: Section IX of the GATT Trade Agreement provides for identification of foreign animals for reasons of health and disease.

THEREFOR E BE IT RESOLVED: The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association believes that all foreign live cattle be required to carry a permanent visual mark of identification as to country of origin so foreign animals can be immediately identified in the case of a disease outbreak.

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WHERE AS: The United States Department of Agriculture has recently referred to the United States cattle industry as the "North American" cattle industry in an attempt to combine the United States cattle industry with the industries of Canada and Mexico, and

WHERE AS: The United States has distinct borders and boundaries, separate systems of government, and different currencies.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association rejects the term "North American Cattle Industry" when referring to cattle born and raised in the United States of America and prefers the term "U.S. Cattle Industry" or "United States Cattle Industry" in order to identify our product and to maintain our distinct identity as producers of the safest, cleanest, highest quality product in the world.

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BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association with us and we are saddened by their absence.

AND WHEREAS: We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.